

FACT SHEET

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Fort McPherson, Georgia

The U.S. Army is conducting environmental studies and restoration actions at Army installations nationwide under the Installation Restoration Program. Fort McPherson, located in north Fulton County, Georgia, is currently undergoing such a study. To keep the public informed and involved in its restoration activities and to provide opportunities for public involvement in its environmental restoration program, officials at Fort McPherson are exploring public interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

The RAB will enable the local community and representatives of government agencies to meet and exchange information about Fort McPherson's environmental restoration program. It will also provide an opportunity for the community to review progress and participate in discussions with the decision-makers.

The RAB will not replace, but will supplement, Fort McPherson's current public involvement activities. The RAB will be an additional community involvement forum for interested people to learn more about the ongoing and future environmental studies and restoration actions at Fort McPherson.

RAB members are responsible for:

- Providing advice on environmental restoration issues to representatives from Fort McPherson and other regulatory agencies;
- Holding regular meetings, publicly announced and open to the public, at convenient times and locations;
- Reviewing, evaluating and commenting on environmental restoration documents;
- Identifying project requirements; and
- Recommending priorities among sites or projects.

RABs include members of the local community, Army personnel, state representatives, and employees from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. RABs are jointly co-chaired by an Army and a community representative. The community members of the RAB are asked to select the Community Co-Chair.

RABs meet on a regular basis and meetings are open to the public. Public participation on the RAB is strictly voluntary. The Army does not provide any form of financial compensation to community members who elect to participate.

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The Community Co-Chair is responsible for:

- Ensuring that RAB membership reflects diverse interests within the community;
- Keeping meeting minutes and making them available to interested parties;
- Developing, maintaining and using a mailing list of names and addresses of people who wish to receive information on the restoration program; and
- Jointly chairing the RAB with an Army representative.

Interested citizens who become RAB members should be willing to attend all RAB meetings, which can last between two and four hours each, and be willing to spend the time necessary to review Army environmental restoration documents within prescribed time frames.